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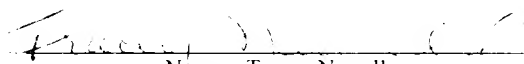
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For: **STANDARD CELL, STANDARD CELL  
ARRAY, AND SYSTEM AND METHOD  
FOR PLACING AND ROUTING  
STANDARD CELLS**

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

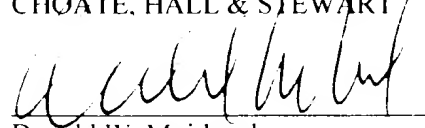
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 15, 2003, in which restriction was required, Applicant elects Group II, claims 4-9, drawn to a method for executing a placement and routing of standard cells, classified in class 716, subclass 12.

Favorable consideration and allowance are earnestly solicited. Should there be any questions after reviewing this paper, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 617-248-4038.

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